GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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FOODGRAINS FOR BPL FAMILIES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any scheme to provide 10 kilograms of rice per person per month at the rate of Rs. 2/- per kilo to the people living Below Poverty Line in the newly created States Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Uttaranchal;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when this scheme will be implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a), (b) & (c): No, Sir. However, under the Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY), wheat and rice are made available to the poorest of the poor families at a highly subsidized rates of Rs. 2/- and Rs. 3/- per kg. respectively. The number of Antyodaya families earmarked for identification in the States of Jharkhand, Chhatisgarh and Uttaranchal are 7.268 lakh, 5.693 lakh and 1.512 lakh respectively.